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REF: A. STATE 112723

- [1](#)B. ULAANBAATAR 0049
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Classified By: DCM Brian L. Goldbeck for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) As requested in ref A, post would like to suggest that Washington consider how it can best retain and strengthen support by counter-terrorism allies and coalition partners such as Mongolia. Mongolia's General Intelligence Agency's (GIA) has repeatedly pressed the USG for CT assistance and cooperation (refs B through E). While Mongolia acknowledges it does not face a serious home-grown or foreign terrorist threat (Mongolia's Muslims comprise less than 5% of the population, are secular and non-radicalized, and are isolated in the far west), Mongolian officials have expressed concern that Mongolia could be targeted due to its support for and participation in coalition efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

[1](#)2. (C) Post continues to believe that modest USG-provided CT training and assistance would be appropriate, if only to boost GOM professionalism, and thus confidence that there is indeed no great domestic terrorist threat. But CT assistance would also strengthen Mongolia's ability to deny terrorists access or a venue for action, thereby enabling the GOM to continue to participate in coalitions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, and mitigate criticism that such participation has made Mongolia itself a target. Such assistance would also mute complaints from some quarters that the U.S. is indifferent to Mongolia's risks and concerns, which are very real in their minds. A little attention and assistance to Mongolia (and perhaps other non-Muslim, non-front line states) might be a wise, worthwhile investment.
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